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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicant claims as priority:

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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS CITED IN INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that applicant(s) request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in the International Search Report according to MPEP §609 and so indicate by a statement in the first Office Action that the information has been considered. When the Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates both the search report and copies of the documents are present in the national stage file, there is no requirement for the applicant(s) to submit them (1156 O.G. 91 November 23, 1993).

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